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852 Candidates in Gujarat

Ahmedabad, June 2(UNI): The decks are cleared for the battle of the ballot in Gujarat in which 852 candidates will contest for 182 seats in the state assembly. Of the record number of 1,663 nominations filed, 21 were rejected and 790 were withdrawn when the withdrawals closed May 17.

Though the contest will be multi-cornered in most of the constituencies, except four where it will be a straight fight, the Congress (Opposition), JanaSangh, Bharatiya Lok Dal, Socialist Party and the National Labour Party are the main contenders in the fray. The other parties in the run are the two Communist Parties and the Republican Party of India.

There are as many as 372 independents in the field. The Congress is the only party contesting all the 182 seats, while the Janata Front has put up candidates in 177 constituencies.

The Kisan Mazdoor Lok Paksha of the former Chief Minister, Chimanbhai Patel, has 128 aspirants.

The pro-Moscow Communist Party of India and the Pro-Peking CPI (Marxist) are contesting four and three seats respectively. Among the Front partners, the Congress (O) figures in 103 constituencies, the Jana Sangh in 40, the Bhartiya Lok Dal eleven, the National Labour Party six and the Socialist Party in three constituencies.

The front is backing independents in 14 places.

The Kisan Mazdoor Lok Paksha President, Chimanbhai Patel, will be the only former Chief Minister contesting the elections this time.

He has filed his nominations for the Pavi-Jetpur constituency in Baroda district. Among the three other former Chief Ministers, Ghanshyam Oza and Hitendra Desai are not contesting the elections while Dr. Jivraj Mehta is presently a member of the Lok Sabha, lower house of Parliament. Fatesinhrao Gaekwad (Congress) is the only member of Parliament, contesting the elections. He has filed his papers for the Baroda Rural constituency.

Four Heavy Water Plants to be set up

New Delhi, May 27 (UNI): Four heavy water plants are to be set up by the Dept. of Atomic Energy in the next five years — three of them with foreign collaboration and one with indigenous technical know-how.

The heavy water plant at Baroda, attached to the fertiliser plant of Gujarat State Fertiliser corporation, is now under testing and is to be operational soon.

This Rs 201 million ($26.8 million) plant has collaboration with a French consortium. The one proposed at Tuticorin would also have the same French firm as collaborators. This plant, costing Rs. 213.2 million ($28.43 million), is to be commissioned in 1976.

More Indians Become Canadians

By Bharat P. Mathur

More and more Indian permanent residents of Canada who have completed five years after arrival in the country as landed immigrants are acquiring Canadian citizenship.

There has been a gradual increase in their number during the past one or two years, there being a sudden rise in 1974, when as many as 3,955 Indians became Canadian citizens to have a sense of belonging to the country. The Indians who got Canadian citizenship during the ten-year period from 1964 to 1973 totalled 13,113.

The rush to the Secretary of State's Department for enrolment as Canadian citizens may be partly due to the tightening of restrictions on immigration announced in October last year. Canadian citizens are given preference over landed immigrants in the matter of nomination of relatives to migrate to Canada, particularly in the case of their children, brothers, sisters and parents, rather than uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and grandchildren.

A legislation is now before the Federal Parliament reducing the period of eligibility for citizenship from five to three years.

No War Pact Offered

New Delhi, May 28 (UNI): India has offered to Pakistan to consider any proposal for a pact or treaty on using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and not for weapons.

This was conveyed to the Pakistan Foreign Secretary, Aga Shahi, who headed his country's delegation to the civil aviation talks which concluded here according to official sources.

During the discussions, India has also repeated its offer to sign a no-war pact with Pakistan to eliminate the atmosphere on mistrust and suspicion and establish a durable peace on the sub-continent.

The Indian side led by the Foreign Secretary, Kewal Singh, made it very clear to Aga Shahi that India was prepared to enter into bilateral arrangements for security matters with Pakistan.

Canadian Rainmakers in India

Madras, May 22 (UNI): The Government of India has approached a Canadian agency for inducing artificial rains in the water-starved Madras city and the Nilgiris, according to a Tamil Nadu spokesman.

At the request of the state government, he said the Government of India had approached the Canadian Industrial Development Agency, specialising in artificial rains, to stimulate artificial rains in two areas of the state.

Meanwhile, in Poona, Dr. R. Saha, Director of the Indian Institute of Trophical Meteorology, said the attempt to stimulate artificial rains is unlikely to yield the desired results because of absence of rain giving clouds in the drought-hit region.

He said his team had conducted a series of cloud seeding experiment in the Poona district and in the Rihand Dam Reservoir region of Uttar Pradesh last year. Their feasibility could be ascertained only after some more years of scientific experiments.

Americans Lack Mature Understanding

New Delhi, May 22 (UNI): The Defence Minister, Mr. Swaran Singh, said that American public opinion should develop a mature and positive understanding of Indian policies.

Addressing a 47-member team of the United States National War College, he said India had the highest respect for the people of the United States, who as a mature nation, were well in a position to interpret the Indian point of view in an objective and friendly manner.

Prices Fall Again

New Delhi, May 28 (UNI)—Prices of some essential commodities have dropped ten to 20 per cent since December last, a UNI survey has revealed.

Barring a few items, particularly pulses, prices of which continued to fluctuate due to various reasons, prices of many items which have shown a downward trend have maintained that level for some time now.

This is in sharp contrast to the situation last year when prices increased every day and some essentials reamined out of stock. The redeeming feature now is that there is no scarcity and commodities are freely available in the markets.

But a visit to the markets revealed that claims by certain agencies that prices of all essential commodities had dropped by as much as 35 per cent was false.

The Canadian High Commissioner in India, J. R. Maybee presenting the Salmon Portfolio to Mr. Sivaramamurthy Director of the National Museum.

More Oil Wells in Bombay

New Delhi, May 28 (UNI): The Petroleum and Chemicals Minister, K. D. Malaviya, told newsmen that the fifth well on the Bombay High had also given positive indications of hydrocarbons (both oil and gas) at the same pay zones as was indicated in the fourth well.

The fourth well flow, it is understood, was nearly 3,000 barrels per day.

Mr. Malaviya said that this was "encouraging news", because the field of the Bombay High was now establishing itself according to seismic indications.

He said that the pay zones indicated both by electrolog and by coring (coring) was nearly of the same thickness as of the previous wells.

Mr. Malaviya said it had been decided not to proceed with detailed production tests at the fifth well at present, as it was necessary to move fast to the southern tip of Bombay High for testing of the sixth well, before the monsoon set in.

He said for the first time, hazardous monsoon drilling would be undertaken by Sagar Samrat this year.

The results of the drilling in the fifth well, which is about 40 kilometres south of the fourth well, has given hopes that the entire Bombay High was oil and gas-rich, Ministry sources said.

The sagarsamrat is also understood to have done a quick piece of work at the fifth well. It was jacked up at the well site on April 29 and, in 48 hours, the well was spudded.

In less than three weeks, it completed its fifth well assignment, and was now moving to the sixth well site.

Stones and Brickbats for Indira

Ahmedabad, June4(UNI): For two successive days, the Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, had to face stones and shoes when she tried to address election meetings in different parts of Gujarat. The Minister of State for Planning, V.C. Shukla, was hit in the chest by a stone and Mrs. Gandhi escaped unhurt as miscreants hurled stones and brickbats at their car as they were coming out of an election meeting at Netrang in Broach District. Earlier, as Mrs. Gandhi climbed the dais to address the meeting, the miscreants flung a volley of stones at her and at one stage it appeared that the meeting would end in confusion. However, the situation was brought under control by the police.

At Bansda in Bulsar District, Mrs. Gandhi was greeted with black flags by demonstrators who shouted slogans like Indira go back.

On May 24, an intense fusillade of brickbats and torn shoes towards the dais forced the Prime Minister to abandon her scheduled election meeting amid confusion at Unjha, about 100 kilometres from here.

The Prime Minister had hardly begun her speech when brickbats started landing on the dais. In the melee that followed loudspeaker connections were snapped.

Security men had put a protective shield around her with the help of available steel chairs, umbrellas and pillows. With great difficulty, she was escorted to a waiting car but, before the vehicle could move out, a stone landed on the back wind-screen, smashing it to pieces.

The Prime Minister, however, escaped unhurt.

Police sources said six policemen, including a deputy superintendent, had sustained injuries. Twenty-five persons, a majority of them Yuva Sangharsh Samiti members, have been arrested in this connection.

Hitler's Plan to Conquer India

By George Mathew

The fact that Hitler had plans to capture India has been established by the secret archives captured in Berlin after the unconditional surrender of the Nazi Command on May 8, 1945.

One of the exhibits at a recent photo exhibition organized by eight European countries including the Soviet Union in New Delhi to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Victory over Facism showed blueprints of Hitler's secret plans to enter India from Afghanistan via Kaiber Pass and from Tibet via Sikkim.

These documents captured from Germany's archives provide sufficient justification to the belief that but for Hitler's unconditional defeat, the hard-fought battles of Caucasus and Stalingrad and the sacrifice of 50 million people who lost their lives the whole of Asia and Europe would have been under the Nazi rule. The War casualities included 20 million Soviets, six million Poles, 1.7 million Yogoslavs, 600,000 French, 400,000 Americans, 375,000 British and many more millions in the West and the East.

In the early 20th century President of Germany's Deutche Bank George Siemens signed an agreement with the Turkish sultan to build the Baghdad railway line from Istanbul to Kuwait. At that time Germany advocated the shipping of a few army divisions to the regions bordering on India. When a German Company established a shipping line between Hamburg and Persian Gulf in 1907, another firm obtained permission to mine copper pyrite on the Abu Musa Island on the Strait of Hormuz. The German Navy saw this island as a naval base to police the sea between Alexandria and Aden and also between Karachi and Bombay.

When World War I broke out Germany established contact with Kabul via Turkey and Iran and urged Afghanistan and Turkey to declare war on Britain and invade India. As part of the deal the Afghan ruler was promised expansion of his territory to the East (the Durrani kingdom in the 18th century) which today constitutes Pakistan and the northern parts of India including Amritsar.

In 1938 the Berlin-Teheran-Kabul air route was opened following experimental flights by German airmen over the eastern parts of Badakhshan province and over the narrow strip of land separating India and Soviet Union. Military records also show that in the autumn of 1938 Germany was using Afghan regions bordering on India for subversive and political activities for a possible attack on India via the Kaiber Pass.

During the World War II the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Germany prepared a memorandum entitled "The Policy and Warfare in the Near and Middle East" in 1939 which emphasised that germany at all costs must seize control of the regions between the Euphrates and the Indus. Thereafter, plans were made to infiltrate German "subversive groups" into India from two directions viz from Afghanistan via the Kaiber Pass and from the Tibet via Sikkim.

The theory that Hitler was persistently casting his eye on the riches of Hindustan is further established by his successive plans. In April 1941 a special "Afghanistan Operative Group" of 17 divisions, including 6 mountain and 4 infantry divisions was raised to operate in cooperation with the German subversive group for its mission in Afghanistan and India.

Documents seized from the German archives shows that in early 1940 an offensive against India was a foregone conclusion. On January 6,1940, Chief of Staff of the Operative Command of the German Army Supreme Command General Jodl signed a directive that carried a blueprint of unleashing a war in Asia.

The document also shows that General Jodl felt that an armed uprising on the Indian border and in Afghanistan would lead to an outbreak of combat between Britain and Afghanistan and would tie up a considerable number of Indo-British troops.

Hitler was hatching plans to capture several Asian countries including India long before the Second World War.
The map, claimed to have been seized from the secret archives of Germany in Berlin after the defeat of Hitler in the hard-fought battles of Caucasus and Stalingrad was on show at a recent exhibition in New Delhi organized by eight European countries to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of their Victory.
The map shows Hitler's secret plan to conquer Asia.

Committee Set Up to Boost Exports

New Delhi, May 23 (UNI): The Prime Minister has constituted a separate cabinet committee on exports with the Finance Minister as Chairman.

Disclosing this while inaugurating the 35th annual conference of the All India Manufacturers Organisation here Mrs. Indira Gandhi said the country must augment its exports by 10 to 12 per cent a year in real terms.

In this connection, Mrs. Gandhi referred to the great scope for increasing the economic cooperation between the oil exporting countries and the oil-importing developing countries. She regretted that the money surpluses available with the oil-producing countries were flowing largely to developed countries and not to hard-hit developing countries.

Nehru, Patel on J.P.

New Delhi, May 26 (UNI): The glaring contrast in character conduct and personal relationships between Jawaharlal Nehru and Vallabhai Patel was never so patent and revealing as in their attitude towards Jayaprakash Narayan.

This contrast, as well as the tragic incompatibility between India's first Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister is brought out in sharp relief in two new political biographies, "My Reminiscences of Sardar Patel" by V. Shankar and "Jayaprakash Narayan" by Ajit Bhattacharjea. Mr. Shankar, a senior official of the Indian Civil Service, served Sardar Patel as his Principle Secretary from September 1946 till Sardar's death on December 15, 1950 and throughout the period enjoyed his trust and confidence. Mr. Bhattacharjea, formerly editor of the Hindustan Times and the Times of India, is presently editor of "Everyman's", the JP supported Delhi weekly.

In the wake of the "Quit India" movement of 1942, the Congress Socialist Party led by Jayaprakash Narayan stepped up opposition to the domestic and foreign policy of the Congress party and even claimed that the withdrawal of the British from India was the direct and immediate result of their heroic struggle.

This irritated Vallabhbhai Patel who was already sore with the organization. While Nehru toyed with the young socialists after Netaji had disappeared from the political firmament, Patel continued to hit back against the rebels, with his characteristic candour and blunt straightforwardness.

Mr. Shankar recalls, in his book, how Sardar at first treated dissenters like Jayaprakash Narayan and Aruna Asaf Ali with good-humoured tolerance, likening them to children and saying how the older people like him enjoyed listening to their criticism.

Then he stepped up his attack and (in the words of Mr. Shankar) accused the Socialists of "not only conducting themselves contrary to the creed of the Congress but also of causing considerable embarrassment to the organization because of their renegade philosophies and actions". Sardar pursued this line in his own relentless way and the "young turks" had eventually to leave the parent party and form their own organization called Congress Socialist Party (CSP) which merged in 1952 with the Kisan Mazdoor Praja Party (KMPP) led by Acharya Kripalani and other Gandhians.

All through this period, Nehru kept up his contacts and close relationship with JP, both the authors record. Mr. Shankar recalls that during the period of the father of the nation, Mahatama Gandhi's assassination on January 30, 1948, Jayaprakash Narayan was staying with Nehru and JP had then issued a statement accusing Sardar of failure to prevent the tragedy and demanding the Deputy Prime Minister's resignation.

Overseas Remittances Increase

Bombay, May 27 (UNI): Monthly official inward family remittances from abroad, mostly from the Arabian Gulf countries and Malaysia, have increased by eight to eighteen times during the three-month period from August 21, 1974, to November 20, 1974, following the Govt.'s crack-down on smuggling operations in India.

This is revealed in a survey conducted by banks in Malapuram District of Kerala. Though this district is backward in agriculture, industry and education, it is reported that at least one member of every family is employed abroad, mainly in the Arabian Gulf countries or in Malaysia.

The study shows that remittances which hitherto came through unauthorised channels and were allegedly used for financing smuggling operations, had now started coming through banking channels due mainly to the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) operations.

An analysis of the data collected revealed that inward family remittances through banking channels (mainly in the form of demand drafts) increased to Rs. 9.04 million ($ 1.21 million) between August 21 and Nov. 20, 1974, from Rs. 1.07 million ($1,42,700) during the corresponding period in 1973.

Inward family remittances through banking channels during the three months from August 21 to November 20 of 1973 had actually shown a declining trend, although no factors could be identified to account for such a trend. However, receipts during the same period of 1974 showed a continuous increase.

The bulk (seventy to eight-five per cent) of remittances were received from the Arabian Gulf countries. The next source of remittances (fifteen to twenty-five per cent) was Malaysia (including Singapore). Among other sources, the United States alone appeared notable, although the amounts received were not significant.

India Poised for Industrial Breakthrough

Bombay, May 23 (UNI): The Finance Minister, C. Subramaniam said that India might make a major breakthrough on the industrial front this year.

Stating that there seemed to be no basis for fear of recession in the economy, he pointed out that there was considerable evidence to show that industrial production was picking up in several key sectors.

Inaugurating the 17th conference of the Chairmen and Managing Directors of the State Financial Corporations here, Mr. Subramaniam said as far as inflation was concerned, he had reasons to believe that we had turned the corner since November 1974 and that there was ample justification for a more optimistic outlook for the current year.

Through a series of measurs involving monetary and fiscal discipline and demand-management, we have brought the runway inflation fairly under control, he said. The annual inflation rate which was about 30 per cent in September 1974, had come down to six per cent by March 1975.

Mr. Subramaniam said in the present context, export industries, core industries, including those providing inputs for these industries, and industries producing goods for mass-consumption would have to receive a high priority. Agro-based industries and those providing inputs to agriculture also deserve high priority.

No Exam Fee

Chandigarh, May 28 (UNI): The Punjab Government has decided not to charge examination fee from the students belonging to the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes for all the examinations being conducted by the School Education Board this year.

The state Government would reimburse the examination fee to the Board. The fee would also be refunded to the examinees.

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Indo-Iran Shipping Co. Commences Operations

Bombay, May 28 (UNI): The Irano-Hind Shipping Company Ltd. — a joint venture of the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. and Arya National Shipping Lines of Iran, which was established in March, has started operations with the help of chartered vessels mainly from the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., it was officially learnt.

It has also been decided to operate a monthly liner service from the east coast of India to the Gulf ports as a newly admitted member of the conference operating in the trade.

It is also understood that a big programme for training of Iranian personnel in various ship-jobs is being finalised and it is expected that about 100 trainee officers from Iran would be coming to India shortly for this purpose.

In New Delhi about a dozen post offices completely manned (womened) by women were inaugurated to mark the I.W.Y.

Men Refuse to Surrender Traditional Superiority

New Delhi, May 22 (UNI): The Committee on the Status of Women in India states that most men do not want to give up their traditional superior position in the family and do not offer any assistance to their wives in domestic chores.

The Committee suggests a change in old attitudes and values for achieving what it calls rationalisation of the work-load in the family.

During its tours, the Committee was told repeatedly that even men who helped their wives while abroad refused to do so on their return to India.

Often, the Committee adds, women themselves do not like the idea of their husbands doing domestic work. The attitudes of relatives and neighbours is also unfavourable.

The situation of women, tossed between work and home, leads to "role conflict". Some women develop a feeling of guilt that they are unable to look after their children properly and tend to pamper the children.

The Committee regrets that society is extremely status-conscious and status-bound. If the wife enjoys a higher status in her work-place, the husband's adjustment with her becomes difficult. He tends to consider it a reversal of roles.

The Committee has suggested that adultery should not be regarded as a criminal offence and be dropped from the Penal Code. To continue to regard it as a criminal offence is against the individual dignity, it said.

Adultery, in its opinion, is a matrimonial and not a criminal offence. The aggrieved person is free to seek remedy in divorce. Treating adultery as a criminal act, apart from reflecting out-moded values, sometimes deters persons of the opposite sex from giving help to a woman oppressed by her husband.

Hanging of Naxalites to be Reconsidered

New Delhi, May 24 (UNI): The Indian President, Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, has agreed to reconsider the cases of the two naxalites — Kista Gowd and Bhoomiah — condemned to death on the charges of murder of landlords in Adilabad, Andhra Pradesh, in early 1970.

Several Political leaders supporting the Sarvodaya leader Jayaprakash Narayan-led movement against corruption and unstifled civil liberaties, have appealed to the President, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed to grant pardon to two Naxalites — Kishta Gowd and Bhoomiah who were condemned to death for murdering landlords in early 1970 in Andhra Pradesh.

The leaders in a joint statement, said that no political worker had been awarded capital punishment in free India, in keeping with this tradition they said the President should reconsider his previous order and grant clemency to the two naxalites.

Kishta Gowd and Bhoomiah, the two staunch workers of Naxalite movement — a radical movement which started in the early sixties with the goal bringing changes in social order through violence were sentenced to death in 1970 in Adilabad, Andhra Pradesh, for murdering landlords. They sent a mercy petition on November 1974 to the Prsident, Mr. Ahmed. But he had rejected the petition. A second appeal made at the instance of sympathetic people and some social organizations was also rejected. On May 9 and they were to be hanged in the early hours of May 10. However, three lawyers of Hyderabad made frantic efforts by moving the Andhra Pradesh High Court on May 10 seeking its order to stay the execution which was granted on the same day.

Also, a strong support from public and politicians from several parties was gathered and representations made to the President who agreed to reconsider the cases of the two naxalites.

State Lottery To Go

Madras, May 26 (UNI): The Tamil Nadu state lotteries will be abolished from September 15.

The Chief Minister, M. Karunanidhi, made the announcement in deference to a wish expressed by Jayaprakash Narayan here.

Inaugurating a memorial to the late C. Rajagopalachari here, Mr. Narayan spoke of the triple evils of horse racing, liquor and lottery, and said Gujarat was free from all these. He wished that Tamil Nadu, which had done away with hours racing and liquor would also give up state lottery.

Scope for Consultancy Services in Africa

New Delhi, May 28 (UNI): Indian can sell engineering consultancy services in a big way to Africa.

This is the impression of a five-member team of industrial consultants which visited African countries for a month to assess the possibility of India selling consultancy services there. The team, led by a leading consultant, Chuni L. Sengupta, was sponsored by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade under a scheme of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Mr. Sengupta told newsmen that the team visited Zambia, Tanzania and Kenya.

The copper - rich Zamiba had recently taken up several welfare schemes for the people. He said there was scope for Indian consulting engineers to provide architectural and engineering services for major community development programmes in various towns.

The team felt there was also considerable scope for Indian consultancy in the management and transmission of power in Zambia.

The team wanted the Indian railways to initiate a proposal to undertake the management of the Zambian Railways.

Mr. Sengupta said at present Canadian consultants were managing the Zambian railways and their term of contract was to expire by the middle of this year. The Indian Railways could bid for the next term, he said.

Recognition of Women's Potential Urged

New Delhi, May 24 (UNI): Indian Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi called for governmental and social measures recognising the "full potential" of women and associate them with developmental programmes of the country.

Intervening briefly during a discussion in the Rajya Sabha, upper house of Parliament, on the report of the committee on the status of women in India, Mrs. Gandhi said during the current international women's year it was essential to chalk out programs that could be launched by voluntary organizations and individuals to liberate women from their age-old handicaps.

B.B. Das Quits

Bhubaneshwar, June 4(UNI): The Orissa Governor has accepted the resignation of the Revenue Minister, Banka BehariDas, from theCabinet.

Mr. Das submitted his resignation, May 24 on a directive from the Chief Minister, Mrs. Nandini Satpathy, following internal dissensions.

Mrs. Satpathy in a letter to Mr. Das had asked him to step down as she had unfortunately failed to persuade him to do the minimum that was necessary to dispel the impression of a discord within the government assidupusly prompted by certain elements.

Food Imports

New Delhi, May 23 (UNI): The Government of India spent Rs 6520 million ($869.3 million) in 1974-75 on the import of foodgrains.

According to latest figures, in all 4.94 million tonnes of wheat and 500,000 tonnes of milo were imported during the year.

The imports were mainly purchases made on commercial terms from countries like the United States, Canada, Argentina, Australia, Sweden and the European Economic Community (EEC)countries.

The imports also included part of the two million tonne wheat loan from the Soviet Union received during the year. The supply of the loan-wheat, which began in 1973, was completed during this period. The loan would commence in June next year and the entire quantity would be replaced in five annual instalments.

The figures also show that offers of food aid amounting to 520,000 tonnes were received during the year. This consisted of 296,000 tonnes from the EEC, 140,000 tonnes from Canada, 50,000 tonnes from Sweden and 40,000 tonnes from Australia.

Mica Exports Up

New Delhi, May 24 (UNI): India's exports of mica increased from Rs 134.3 million (about $18 million) during 1973-74 to Rs 154.2 million (about $20.5 million) during the first eleven months of 1974-75. Pending orders as on March one were worth nearly Rs 170 million (about $22 million).

N-Test Most Significant Achievement

New Delhi, May 28 (UNI): The Successful underground nuclear experiment at Pokharan in Rajasthan on May 18 last year was the most outstanding development of Atomic Energy's activities during 1974-75.

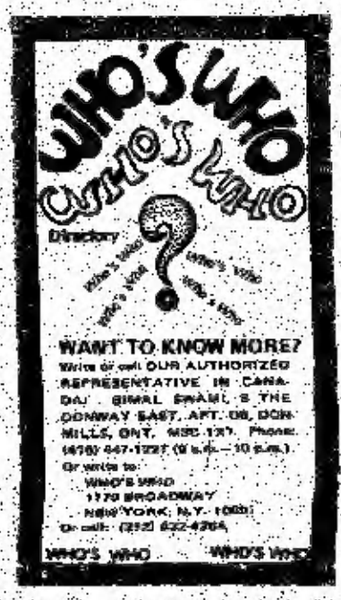
Conducted as part of the Department's efforts to find ways of using underground explosions for constructive purposes, the experiment was the result of the research and development work at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, according to the annual report of the Department for 1974-75.

Seats Vacated for Sheikh and Beg

Srinagar, May 28 (UNI): Two seats in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly were declared vacant, clearing the way for the Chief Minister, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah and the Revenue Minister, Mohammed Afzal Beg, to enter the house through by-elections.

The vacancies were caused by the resignation of two Congress members, Gulam Hassan Parrey and Mohammad Mazbul Butt.

Mr. Butt represented Congress from Ganderibal in Srinagar district. Mr. Parrey was elected from Devsar in Anantnag district as an independent and joined the Congress subsequently.



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FACE THE RACISTS

Thanks to the Green Paper on immigration and population the economic slowdown in the country, racism has been seen in action in cities such as Vancouver and Toronto. It is reported that in Toronto racists elements such as the Western Guards, supported by some businessmen, are thriving.

Racism and racists will not go away if one ignores them. In fact that is what most people of Asian origin in Toronto have been doing in the past few years. This has resulted in racism growing from strength to strength. Therefore, the time has come to face them and fight them, not by physical force, but by using brains and money.

It is reported from Toronto that certain Marxist elements in Toronto are in the forefront trying to make political capital by taking up the cause of Asians. By aligning with the Marxists, however, the Asians will never gain anything. On the contrary, not only the very fight against racism will be lost, but also the future of Asians in Canada will be in danger. Therefore, it is preferable to leave the Marxists to fight their own causes, not the cause of Asians in Canada.

At the same time, it has become imperative that effective measures should be taken to counter and defeat racist propaganda. This no time to be chicken-hearted. This is no time to take an ostrich-like attitude and bury one's head in sand. Nor is this the time to show stinginess in financing the fight against racist. A lot more than the money Asians in Toronto save today by not effectively countering racist propaganda and activities, they will be forced to spend tomorrow fixing their windows that were shattered by racist attacks.

Also the politicians - federal, provincial and local - should be persuaded by all means to start doing something to put organized racism out of business. They should also be urged to start an educational program that under the skin all human beings are the same. Politicians will not act unless prodded by the people.

These are indeed critical times in the settlement history of Asians in Canada. Only purposeful, peaceful, united and effective action can ensure a future for Asians and their children.

Which is the Superior House?

New Delhi, May 1 (UNI): The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, upper house of Parliament, Mr. Godey Murahari stated in the house April 30 that there was "absolutely no difference" between members of the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha, lower house, regarding membership of the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Murahari's statement came after leaders of most Opposition parties in the house took strong exception to the statements made April 29 by some members of the Lok Sabha "slightingly" in respect of the status of Rajya Sabha members in the Public Accounts Committee.

The Lok Sabha members reportedly made the statements on objections made by two members of the Rajya Sabha against placing the Public Accounts Committee's report on the table of the Rajya Sabha as it was not duly approved by all the members.

The Deputy Chairman quoted a ruling of the late Dr. S. Radhakrishan in his capacity as Chairman in 1954 when the Public Accounts Committee was originally constituted to substantiate the point that the members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha enjoyed equal rights and privileges in the Committee.

Appealing to members to develop harmonious relations with the lower house, Mr. Murahari said members of both houses should see that they "acted as one Parliament".

He said "Both houses constitute Parliament". The Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha should "respect each other and protect the rights of each other". He hoped "This unfortunate" controversy would end there.

Earlier, the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Om Mehta said it had been well established that members of the Rajya Sabha were "full members with equal status" in the PAC.

He said the rights and privileges of both houses were governed by Constitutional provisions and various conventions.

LETTERS

Sikhs and Sikhism

As I look back at the history of Sikhs right from 1906 to date I feel that that community in Canada in general and British Columbia in particular is now torn into factions more than ever before. The Sadh Sangat, once a congregation of devotees, is more or less a battlefield for seekers of power. I remember of 1960 very well when I was goaded to take up the job of secretary of Sikh Gurdwara and I see now sick minds fighting for the same post, fights, both political and physical. All this should put us to shame. It is easy to point out accusing fingers at others. But unless we become aware of our own weaknesses and failings we cannot avoid further pitfalls. The community has to be rescused from the degeneration which has been sapping its vitals. The Gurdwaras must be restored to its rightful place of worship, benefit of all political and personal rumblings.

Gurdwara should be really a place where the down-spirited and the forlorn could sit and pray in a blissful atmosphere of purity and sanity. Our leaders at the Gurdwaras should be men and women of learning — not a bunch of lunatics confined to peculiar forms of bowing before Guru — Granth and peculiar ways of dressing in the Gurdwara. These are mechanical performances of religious routine. We have become hypocrites. It was this hypocrisy and mechanical and insincere worship of God to which Gurus strongly protested. When Guru Nanak was asked by a Moslim theologian how man was to please God, the Guru said "By humility and prayer". Look what he taught, what we learnt? What was his message and what was his path and look what is our life and our path? In the holy name of Guru Nanak we are now practising bigotry, stagnant-religion, narrow - mindedness, ritualism etc. Alas, I wonder why our fanatics are complicating Guru Nanak's mission of few simple words "By humility and prayer".

I wonder, why some narrow-minded, fanatical and antagonistic elements in our Gurdwara circle are bent upon driving our children away from the temple by imposing their own petty rituals on them. 'Burn all rituals which take us away from God'. Each and every line of Guru Granth Sahib tells us that anything other than NAM is nothing but ritual. According to Guru Arjan Dev Ji, 'The only Sikh liked by the Guru is the one who has NAM on his lips at every breath'. I challenge these fanatics to give me a reference in Guru Granth where it shows a Sikh has to be of so and so shape and has to wear such and such kind of dress in or out of Gurdwara to be liked by the Guru. Alas, had the Sikhs preached Sikhism as per Guru Granth, not only all of India, but whole of the world would have embraced Sikhism by now.

As a philosophere says 'Religion was made for man and not man for religion'. Any religion which fails to change with times and needs of its people becomes stagnant and gradually disappears. Are not our leaders concerned about this? Our aim should be to encourage younger generation to attend Gurdwara no matter in what dress or form. Are not we concerned about our Canadian born generation turning to other religions which are quite liberal in so far as human needs and behaviour are concerned? I request these fanatics to attend other Churches a few times to find out how they encourage their youngsters to attend their Churches.

By making them to 'cover their heads' in the Gurdwara, our Gurdwara leaders are reducing them to the status of 2nd class citizens. Being people of East Indian origin we are already going through lots of discrimination at the hands of the majority. Is it not a shame for a person to be discriminated against and reduced to the status of a 2nd class citizen in his own Gurdwara or Temple by his own people? These zealots claim that 'covering of heads' is a must as per Rehat Nama, but may I ask them to show me such dogmas in Guru Granth? Rehat Nama was made by Indian people for Indian people, suitable to Indian conditions and times. If these bigots are hung up so badly on such observances, then why don't they shed their pants and start wearing nothing but Kachcha upto knees, simple Kurta and Indian style shoes etc. It's about time that we Canadian Sikhs formulate our own Rehat Nama compatible with other religious denominations in Canada. Let us be men of reason.

I am given to understand that during 1974 certain antagonizing rules were passed at the Ross St. Gurdwara in Vancouver to please so called dignitaries from India. I have a great experience of money collectors, religious preachers and so called dignitaries. Most of my colleagues will recall that I had a hell of time getting rid of these vultures in 1960. Closing of our doors to these rapacious people gave monetary relief to our community and as a result of this we were able to collect and build our Gurdwara at Ross St., Vancouver. These preachers and leaders from India should try to straighten out the mess they have in India, rather than interfere in our affairs. We are living in a different world, our circumstances are different, we are the only one who can visualize what is good for us and what is bad for us. Our community, though small has people from all walks of life and am sure we shall overcome with any outside help.

In the end, I should like to point out to the leaders and well wishers of our community and Gurdwaras that the main purpose of these preachers from India is to collect money from our people, make a sight-seeing tour of North America and satisfy their ego.

G. S. Thind
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Radio Program

I am a regular listner to the Ottawa based Indian Music Program and I enjoy it with limitations. Contrary to its title it hardly represent whole India - at part of it, yes. A now-Indian who listen to this program will be mislead in two ways 1) India is a Country of Hindus only, 2) Indian music is Hindi music.

To elaborate on my first point, the host gives considerable importance to Ramayana, Mahabharatha, Gheeta and all Hindu festivals, temple functions are discussed with greater emphasis and enthusiasm. However, he has failed so far, even to mention any functions or festivals of other religions of India. India is a secular state in which all religions enjoy equal rights.

My second point is a minor one. I love Hindi music, especially modern ones. However, I would like to see music from other languages such as Malayalam, Thamil etc. gets equal opportunity to entertain Indians who have come from those parts of India, living in Ottawa.

Finally I congratulate the host of this program for doing a good job, taking patiently all the troubles in order to bring a bit of India every Sunday morning to each home.

Robert Luiz
Ottawa

Marathi Daily Folds

BY Bharat P. Mathur

The Canadian Government has so far spent more than half a billion dollars on food aid to India, exclusive of shipments of fertilisers.

In fact, over the past 24 years or so, food aid has remained the largest single component of the Canadian International Development Agency's bilateral economic assistance program in India. During 1974-75, CIDA had provided $47.8 million worth of food to India, bringing the overall total up to the end of that financial year to $508.7 million.

The food-aid allocation to India for the current year (1975-76) amounts to $56 million, i.e. $8.2 million more than that in 1974-75.

Even though all nuclear and economic-industrial aid to India was suspended a year ago soon after that country exploded an underground atomic test device in the Rajasthan desert, Canada has continued to maintain food supplies to the sub-continent unhampered and uninterrupted to enable it to overcome the shortages due to drought conditions.

Immigrants

Regarding your immigration debate coverage, only a North American Indian can see the utter laughable ridiculousness of a bunch of immigrants and their descendants worrying that their peice of the pie is being jeopardized by more immigrants.

Natives did not consider themselves owners of the continent. The modern concept of ownership was somewhat alien to them. They respected the land as a God-gift open to anyone who held it in proper esteem.

I hope Canada gets peppered with a glut of immigrants of all shapes and colors until the racists either swallow their xenophobia or choke on it.

We are going to have to learn to live together some time. It might as well be now.

J. W. Moses
Vineland

Indo-Arab Council Welcomed

I was pleased to read an item in the April 17 issue of the Canadian India Times (p.1) concerning the establishment of an Indo-Arab cultural council.

It is my hope that a similar group may be set up in this country. You are fortunate in having Mr. Ibram Shukrallah in India. I knew him well when he was stationed in Ottawa.

Heath Macquarrie, M.P.
House of Commons, Ottawa

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Mrs. Gandhi's Achievement at Kingston

By J. Singh

The Commonwealth Conference convened at Kingston exposed the political gap between India and the rest of the 33 Commonwealth Countries.

The Conference was organized to effect an alignment of countries in the current unresolved conflict over the so-called world economic order. But the issue of the South African territories, especially of Rhodesia, dominated the forum. In this context, Mrs. Gandhi's key-note address was the least important. It had also the added disadvantage of being too intellectualised and too diffuse to serve any practical purpose. Mrs. Gandhi never came down to any specifics.

One reason is that the numerically dominant African countries have bound themselves completely to Western culture and values, with the result that out of the 33 countries of the Commonwealth — 28 African and 4 developed major powers — India stands isolated.

A second reason is that India has never tried to build up its role as a bridge-head between a multitude of conflicting interests. In fact, Indian Foreign Policy and Diplomacy have never gone beyond establishing the most miserable commercialism as the basis of all relations between India and the Third World. It was inevitable that India's image should be besmirched with the suspicion that India's sole concern was to maximise her share of the aid, irrespective of the economic philosophy adopted at any Conference.

Under the circumstances, given no brief of building up India's relations with Africa at the political and the Continental levels, Mrs. Gandhi's key-note address had perforce to be a plethora of intellectual digressions. It follows that she should uncritically support every move of the African countries, turning a blind eye to the policy of some African leaders who believe that letting loose terror on hapless Asians was the only way to fight white racialism.

Contrasting with the speech of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Wilson, laying down a six-point programme to narrow the economic gap between the rich and the poor and his call to the Commonwealth nations to rally behind plans for a new world trading system, although they were just cliche piled upon cliche, one cannot help asking:

What exactly has Mrs. Gandhi accomplished in this her visit to the Commonwealth Conference?

Was her presence a mere embellishment planned by the Jamaican Minister?

OBITUARY

MISS PADMAJA NAIDU

By George Mathew

Miss Padmaja Naidu, former Governor of West Bengal, who died on May 2, 1975, was the Vice Chairman of the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund at the time of her death.

A close friend of the Nehru family, Miss Naidu's cremation at the Electric Crematorium on May 4 was attended by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, her sons and other members of the family, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Cabinet Ministers and the Governor and Chief Minister of West Bengal, besides a large number of people from all walks of life.

Mrs. Gandhi, who was in Kingston where she was attending the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference at the time of Miss Naidu's death, cut short her visit to be present at the cremation and pay her last respects to her "close friend and guide".

Miss Padmaja Naidu, daughter of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu whose patriotic fervor and contribution to the freedom struggle of the country is well known, was born on November 17, 1900 in Hyderabad.

Influenced by Mahatma Gandhi and in the true traditions of her distinguished family, Miss Naidu entered politics at the age of 21. She was imprisoned for a brief term for her part in the Quit India movement in 1942.

She was a member of Parliament from 1950 to 1951 and Governor of West Bengal from 1956 to 1967.

She was chairman of the Executive Council of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society, Vice Chairman of the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, Chairman of the Indian Red Cross Society, and Vice Chairman of the Bangla Desh Assistance Committee during the exodus of refugees from Bangla Desh. She was also associated with the All India Handicrafts Board, Bharat Sevak Samaj, the senate of Osmania University, the planning committee of the former Hyderabad government and the Hyderabad State Youth Welfare Board.

As Governor of West Bengal Miss Naidu brought dignity and grace to the office and left an indelible mark on public life. She was a voracious reader and an eloquent speaker.

She devoted most of her time and energy for social work. She was so humane that she was often touched by the sufferings of the poor and always showed the urge to do something for them. Her biggest contribution to humanitarian work can rightly be referred to her work for the rehabilitation of the Bengla Desh refugees who crossed to India in their thousands. As Vice-Chairman of the Bangla Desh Assistance Committee she sent appeals to the world to show compassion to their fellowmen. She visited the refugee camps and assisted herself in the work.

Miss Naidu was staying in the compound of the Teen Murti House, which was formerly the residence of Mr. Nehru now turned into his memorial. Miss Naidu was close to Mr. Nehru now turned into his memorial. Miss Naidu was close to Mr. Nehru and was equally close to his daughter, Mrs. Gandhi.

Mrs. Gandhi used to take time off from her busy schedule to visit Miss Naidu and their meetings were very informal. It is said that Miss Naidu was the only person in whose company the Prime Minister used to spend some time in complete relaxation, cracking jokes and engaging themselves in witty conversation.

When the body of Miss Naidu was placed on the cremation cradle both Mrs. Gandhi and Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, (sister of Mr. Nehru) broke down. Rajiv Gandhi and Sanjay Gandhi (both sons of Mrs. Gandhi), Dr. Karan Singh, Union Health Minister, S. S. Ray, West Bengal Chief Minister were among those who carried the body to the crematorium from the flower bedecked van which brought the body from her Teen Murti residence.

BOOK REVIEW

500,000 Annual Immigration Suggested

100 Million Canadians: A Development Policy for Canada by S. B. McLaughlin, Box 100, 77 City Centre Dr., Mississauga, Ont.

In the context of the recent flurry of activity in the population area, particularly by environmentalist, many of whom have become environmental nuts and racists who fear that the word "immigration" is synonymous with coloured immigration, this book makes very interesting reading.

The book as the title suggests argues that Canada will be much better of with 100 million people rather than with 23 million. In Canada, says the author, needs a larger population if we are to compete successfully in the world market. He concludes that 100 million people within the forseeable future is a feasible policy action. It is urged that Canadian immigration policy should be carefully shaped and a sociological plan for integration of all newcomers developed to create a better Canadian way of life. This he feels is a necessity if Canada is to retain its natural identity andbecome free from the control of U.S.A. An average immigration of 500,000 a year is suggested.

New Ideas

Baroda, May 23 (UNI): India has joined the select band of countries — France, Holland and the Soviet Union — in extracting proteins from crude oil.

An integrated pilot plant of petro-protein of the Institute of Petroleum set up in the Gujarat Refinery, near here, went on stream on May two to produce petro-protein products, according to a Refinery spokesman.

He said the products would be sent for nutritional studies and field experiments on milching animals and poultry-birds.

Petro-protein is produced only from parafin present in heavy kerosene or high-speed diesel oil available from the refinery plants.

The Scourge of Malaria

New Delhi, May 28 (UNI): The Health Minister, Dr. Karan Singh, told the recently concluded session of Parliament that he was taking up at the highest level to ensure allotment of increased funds to combat malaria which is staging a "comeback in a big way".

Dr. Karan Singh said against a minimum need of Rs 450 million ($60 million) to fight the disease, the programme had been allotted only Rs 230 million ($30.67 million) this year.

Dr. Karan Singh said among the long-term measures being taken up were import of more insecticides, a new staffing pattern and similar measures.

Impressions...3

A Polish Woman in Sari

By A. F. ASHTAMUDI

My decision to go to India has been reached on the spur of the moment. So, pressed for time, I hastily dump into my battered ancient suitcase, an assortment of minimal needs. My fitful sleep is punctuated by dreams of an eagerly awaited reunion.

Somewhere, hidden in the dark recesses of my genic, there surely lurks a chromosomal aberration which determines with a singular regularity my tardiness at arriving for a flight. Conveniently enough, I have never been late for a dinner, a tendez-vous, or a concert. On these occasions, I trust myself to be slightly early for the event. But flights are something else. At best, I can make it to the airport runway with flailing arms and gasping for breath. And what with all this new fangled security business, I am faced with delays of the most unexpected sort.

At precisely two minutes to the 8-30 a.m. flight leaving San Francisco for New York, I am at the ticket counter with the relative freedom of a single baggage. The clerk tells me that it would be better for me to carry my suitcase lest they fail to load it on time. I catapult through the aisle and run past the security corridor at speeds I never thought I was capable of. I am halted unceremoniously in my track by a gun wielding security guard who directs me back to the x-ray machine. I have a suspicion that these security people suspect me for an Arab terrorist or of harboring malicious intentions of mischief. I cannot deny the latter. They not only check and re-check my belongings, but they even frisk me while they let go a host of others who appear to me to be much more dangerous. The most dangerous weapon I have carried in flight is a species of hot pepper in my pocket, which comes in very handy whenever I feel like throwing up. I gather there is something in my appearance which clearly fits into their profile of a possible hijacker. Once the search is over, I rush headlong, and almost tumble right into the grinning profile of an United Airlines stewardess. It is one of those jumbo jets that I would have preferred to avoid. It's too late now. So I wiggle myself into a seat almost a mile away from the entrance. I have an enormous distaste for Jumbo jets; and I make certain as to the location of the nearest emergency exit door. I find myself strategically placed between of fat white man and a tall black man. Nothing could be more appropriate!

The breakfast they served tasted like a soggy piece of cardboard. So I stuck to my cup of coffee, until they came two hours later with lunch. It turned out to be a 'deli' in airline parlance. Which means, they have less work to do. It is supposed to be a sort of smorgasbord in the air. I took care to avoid the slimy salami and reached for the less forbidding fruit cup. What I really got was a concoction of wrinkled grapes, crushed cherries staring at me like gaping wounds, peaches that more likely belonged to the compost heap, circlets of pineapple infused with a high caloric syrup, and a few other pieces of fruits whose genre I can't quite determine; for they all had the same consistency. I would have been content with a fresh apple or orange. Instead I was confronted with this sorry spectacle of fruits floating in a sea of high density syrup, like so many junk boats anchored and popping up and down in Kowloon Bay. I requested that my stomach be placated by a fresh fruit, if available. The stewardess was quite attentive to my needs. She brought me a startlingly red apple; redder by far than the finest product of British Columbia's Okanagan Valley. Could be a Jonathan Red or a Rome Beauty, I surmised. And without further ado, I plunged my teeth into it. These apples must be somehow manufactured with the delicate American teeth in mind. I gently realized that it was an appropriately coated, tanned, and waxed variety. The Americans are still bent on beating Nature, or at least keeping the wrong foot ahead of it.

It was an uneventful flight. My two companions were quite boring. I tried prodding them into conversation. But weariness overcame me when I realized that one was an ardent fishing buff and the other kept recounting tales from the baseball hall of fame. I pleaded ignorance of such sporty expressions as "tackles" "home runs", and "sugar bowls". As I dozed off, my companions were relaying the latest in TV land's canned jokes across my face.

After five hours of actual flight and a three hour time difference added on to it, I find myself within the confines of New York's Kennedy International Airport. It is cold; but the rain makes it somehow bearable. With only a light sweater I manage to fend off the cold and seek refuge in the Air India Lounge. The flight to Bombay is two hours away. I keep wandering, half-dazed, sleepy and tired. A cup of coffee provides me with the necessary lift, and I am all perked up to wander around a little bit.

Gradually, relentlessly, I see that fellow Indians are arriving in appreciable numbers. Many of them are heading straight for the 'duty free' shop. Others are hanging around in groups, talking and gesticulating with style. There is an indefinable excitement in the air. Lots of large-eyed youngsters. Some of the very young are being diaper changed. The duty free shop is filled with the usual watches, perfumes, junk jewelry, sunglasses, cigarettes, liquors and camera routine. One young man is trying on a spray of Chanel 5 into his palm. He finds the aroma agreeable and asks if there is a Chanel I available. The woman at the counter says that she has been using Chanel 5 for twenty five years, and manages a dentured smile. There is a large group around the watch counter. They are mostly examining Seiko watches. One gentleman is tugging at the antenna of a Grunding short wave receiver. Many of the people that I see have a Cassette recorder or a Camera hanging across their shoulders. I notice a Polish looking woman, fortyish, rather buxom, with a white brocaded sari draped to reveal unsightly bulges, wandering aimlessly. She has her golden hair fanned out and flowing down the nape of her neck and back. The combination looks strikingly odious. But she seems to be attracting a lot of attention from both Indian men and women. I hear a few snide remarks on her deportment. Though dressed in elegant sari, she was walking as if wearing a pair of jeans; quick long strides, and high heeled torsioned steps. She is parading up and down the lounge as if engaged in a rehearsal for a shampoo commercial. A young couple beside me kept remarking how stunning the woman looked in Sari. I begin to wonder whether a black woman in sari would have elicited the same sort of response. But the fair skin and the blond hair seems to have done the trick. I recall that 'blond'

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Racism Assauged or Exacerbated

By Scott Young

One thing in particular bothers me about the heightened sense of racial discrimination we are told now in this part of Ontario: I am offended by any discussion of the situation that becomes so specific that it fertilizes, rather than arrests, such attitudes. The opening paragraphs of yet another series on the subject, starting in last Saturday's star, named one immigrant group in terms far more obscene than any four-letter words could ever be. I haven't the federal Government's hate literature legislature in front of me, but is it not directed against general villification of racial groups, whatever guise the vilification takes ? I suppose I could make my point better if I repeated here (but I won't) the two anonymous racist comments with which Frank Jones, a good journalist, set the tone of what he was writing about. If he were writing in a vacuum, or writing 10 years from now about a situation past, the Star's method would be permissible. Right now I think it is inflammatory. If white were in the minority around here, newly arrived, uncertain of our welcome finding it difficult to get jobs, would we not feel stricken if foul things were published about us-even in the guise of reporting a public attitude? If that is the way the Star goes about fighting racism- providing nitwits with ready-made racist opinions - I think the immigrants in question would do well to send a delegation to the newspaper and ask to be excluded from future rescue efforts.

I happened to be on a CBC radio program, Identities, discussing immigration in terms of that gloomy Zero Population Growth advertisement of a couple of weeks ago- the one that said if we didn't soon shut the gates to this, the world's second largest (in land size) country, the neighborhood, my dear, would lose its tone. At one point I said, with an attempt at irony, to ZPG director, "I hope you like all the people who sent in your coupon." She instantly said she did. What I meant was that, if the ZPG response was anything like the one I get in the mail on this topic, a lot of the coupon respondents would be plain mindless haters looking for another clean wall to paint slogans on.

All these people are looking for a focus. You print what some Scarborough housew fe, aged 19, thinks (a mis-used word in her case) about one racial group and one sure result is the others who might never have thought of the group in those terms will now be looking, at least aware of those foul phrases.

I think I know the counter-arguments in the Star's terms- that you have to identify a problem before you can explore it properly. In our world do we have to identify, any more, the actual words and phrases of racial hatred ? Wasn't that done for us in the years before Belsen, Auschwitz, Watts, Birmingham and the rest ? I'd like to see a series on fatheaded 19-year-old Scarborough housewives, myself. There's a problem that really needs exploring.[The Globe and Mail]

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in several Indian language dictionaries is synonymous with beauty. I personally find it very repulsive.

The young men that I observe are modishly dressed. There is the inevitably long side-burns and medium length hair. The hair is slickly groomed with more than adequate amounts of Brillantine. Reminds me of Italians, Greeks, and some East Europeans in Canada who were likewise attired for a Sunday evening jamboree or church (social). An element of slickness which puts a damp on gaiety. I also recall how during a whole summer of visiting the beaches from San Francisco to San Diego, I hardly came across a single Indian family enjoying an outing by the sea. I saw a considerable number of Indian families frequenting fairs, shopping centers, museums, zoos, aquariums, and similar points of interest. But I never saw an Indian relaxing or playing by the beach. I have seen them picnicking in parks; but rarely enjoying a physically exhausting game outdoors. The exception was a group of Sikhs enjoying themselves in Vancouver's Stanley Park. It was a game of Kabaddi, and a boisterous one at that; including a fair amount of catcalls and whistling at young white women passing by.

Its thirty minutes to flight time. The lounge is filled to capacity. It is mostly Indians with a sprinkling of non-Indians here and there. 70 pounds is a lot of luggage and many come perilously close to the limits. Excitement mounts. A lot of good-byes and good wishes from friends. Marriage seems to be in the horizon for many a young man. And among friends there is lively banter. As I approach the ticket counter, I notice the Polish looking woman leading a pot bellied Indian man struggling with a mass of luggage.

Pai's Advice to Indians Abroad

Bombay, May 23 (UNI): It might be necessary to drastically change some policies which made many Indians keep their money in banks outside the country, the Industries Minister, T. A. Pai, said here.

Inaugurating the first All-India Convention of Indians from Africa under the auspices of the Jambo (Swahili for "Greetings") Club, Mr. Pai said the imperative need was to create a proper climate to help Indians living abroad to bring their talents, entrepreneural abilities and resources back to the country of their origin and help develop its backward districts by setting up export-based industries there.

The Minister of State for Shipping, H. M. Trivedi, who was the Chief Guest, said though they could not be blamed for keeping their option open to invest in a foreign country, the Indians in Africa should be prepared to come back without any conditions.

Confusion in Gujarat Electoral Scene

The developments in Gujarat suggest that the forth-coming elections may perhaps run drearily true to form.

The Opposition Parties appear to be a little more united than in the past. The elections have come too early — ironically it was at their own insistence — for them to work out a more integrated strategy. All that they have agreed to is a common front without a common symbol, but with a common manifesto supplemented by individual manifestos and electoral adjustments interse. Even these adjustments have been achieved with great difficulty, as shown by the contretemps over accomodating candidates of the Yuva Sangharsha Samiti within the Janata Front.

Mr. Morarji Desai has rejected the concept of Janata Candidates in Gujarat and denied the Yuva Sangharsha Samiti representation in the Opposition list of candidates for elections to the State Legislature. He realises that any concession he yields on these issues is apt to give a fillip to the process of disruption of the political parties in Gujarat and elsewhere.

The Janata and Student candidates are supposed to be above partisan politics and as such they cannot feel bound by party decisions.

But Mr. Morarji Desai has, in upholding the right of the party leaders to field the candidates of their choice, which is the very crux of the democratic policy, deprived the opposition of a very powerful weapon in the struggle against Congress. Student-candidates could have mobilised the youth and acted as storm-troopers for the congress O Jan Sangh BLD Alliance. By dividing the student leadership, Mr. Desai has played into the hands of the Congress Party.

But it does not mean that a Congress victory is a fait accompli. The Congress Leadership has to mediate between factional claims within the party. In order to reconcile rival claims the central leadership has had to appoint as many as four vice-presidents and seven secretaries in the ad hoc Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee and to accommodate all its office bearers in the election committee. The suspicions aroused by the Congress President's efforts to give the party a leftist image, still persist. Similarly, although the Congress Organisation is no longer as moribund as it had been recently, its credibility remains low. The widespread drought can only add to its difficulties, the well-organized relief work not withstanding.

The emergence of the Kisan Mazdoor Lok Sabha (KMLS) founded and led by Mr. Chiman Bhai Patel, is going to be a factor crucial to the outcome. It is difficult to envisage precisely, whose votes the KMLS will be taking away and how decisive the looming presence of this newly-emergent tightly-organized party of Mr. Patel's will prove in the individual constituencies and in the elections as a whole.

At the moment it promises to be an open-ended fight. But the electorate can always spring a surprise.

Nuclear Materials

New Delhi, May 23 (UNI): Canada has not yet agreed to resume supply of nuclear materials to India and the Government was trying to secure the supplies from alternative sources, the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, has told the Rajya Sabha, upper house of Parliament.

She said discussions on the subject were held between Canadian and Indian delegations in Bombay recently but no final decisions were taken.

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FILMS

Murky Past of Politician Probed

SAAMNA
Directed by Jabbar Patel
Story, screenplay and dialogue by Vijay Tendulkar

In a politicized society, a politician's life becomes the target of attack or object of appreciation. And a successful politician is an object of enquiry and envy. Both his opponents and his sympathizers want to know everything about him. His past and private world are probed and publicized. Such was the case in **Aandhi** (Hindi), a mild satire on the politician's election campaigning, manoeuvring and manipulation, directed by Gulzar and produced by J. Om Prakash.

Saamna (Marathi) is another but with a slightly different theme, though it also probes into the murky past of a politician to find the secrets of his success.

Two contrasting characters confront each other: a successful sugar cooperative chief-cum-politician and a drunkard always sipping country-made liquor. The sugar chief is sly, calculating and cool, adept at moulding men and matters as he wants. The drunkard is slow but shrewd, looks like a simpleton but is an observer with a prying eye, feigning ignorance but being ingenious. Out of sheer pity for the drunkard, penniless and without shelter, the politician gives him refuge. The drunkard is thankful for all that but soon the image of the politician on his mind crumbles. He starts prying on the politician to know his past. Coming to know of the drunkard's game, the politician tries to hide things from him. The drunkard persists in his search. The politician pampers, threatens and cajoles. Set against each other, theirs is a game of wit and words, will and wiles. The politician is good at evading issues but the drunkard is adept at constantly focussing on them. The drunkard's doggedness and perseverance expose the past of the politician, who pays for his acts. The film drives in four morals about politicians, Indian politicians particularly:

-Politicians lack moral courage, because they are corrupt and have got to their position through means more foul than fair;

-Politicians are afraid of anything and everything, even their own shadow, once they know that someone is trying to unravel the "story" of their success;

-they go to any extent to suppress the truth about themselves;

-they are the source of many ills in society; outwardly they appear to be honest, sympathetic even philanthropic men but inwardly they are crooks of the first order. Sophistry and hypocrisy are their characteristics.

Most of the people connected with **Saamna** are from the theatre world and the film is more theatrical than cinematic. The characters' moves, gestures, mannerisms and stances are theatrical. Jabbar Patel came into prominence when he directed Tendulkar's **Ashi Pakhre Yeti** and **Ghashiram Kotwal** (Marathi). He gets excellent performances from two leading actors of the Marathi stage. Shriram Lagu, as the drunkard, supasses his performance in **Pinjara** (directed by V. Shantaram.) Versatile winsomeness is his characteristic. Poised against him is Nilu Phule in the role of the stero-faced politician-cum-sugar cooperative chief. In exact contrast to Lagu, he is haughty and persuasive, gentle and stern, cunning and cool. Tendulkar has in the film sharp cut-and-thrust dialogue and biting satire. However the film-makers have compromised a lot with the box office: **tamasha**, lavani, cabaret, Lagu's children's song. Flashbacks are introduced with a melodious song **Sukhiya re.** Clever touches make the characters true-to-life.

India's has entered **Saamna** in the competition section of the Berlin Film Festival this year.

Feroz Khan excels as Director

DHARMATMA
Produced and directed by Feroz Khan

A bulky old man is addressing an assembly of men. The full screen is reduced to a TV picture and we see the same old man, snugly ensconsed on a couch, watching on the TV his own performance. His reactions — arm, hand and finger movements — admire the TV speaker's ideals or the persuasive speech, but his own duplicity. He himself is the leader of a gang of thugs, smugglers and dare-devils. He wields influence as far afield as the governor. He can have an execution stayed.

He can punish wrong-doers. He can order a thing to be done the way he wants. His word is law. He is Dharmatma, the Indian version of the Mafia Godfather.

The gang-leader's role is patterned after Marlon Brando's in **The Godfather**. And Prem Nath's Dharmatma is an impressive performance. He is serious, frivolous and imposing; he hams, shouts and over-acts; he underplays, lisps, and gestures — all of it falls into a pattern: a man powerful enough to be feared and obeyed. If only other characters were not typed, like Jeevan, Dharmatma's jealous rival, or two of his accomplices, Ranjit and Sudhir, the film would have been a superior version of the psycho-pathology of the Indian underworld. Hema Malini is there to lend her feminine appeal as the Afghan gypsy girl. Feroz Khan underplays the romantic hero who falls for the gypsy girl. And Danny is cliche-ridden as an Afghan tribal.

Feroz Khan in his second directorial venture is triumphantly successful. **Dharmatma** places him in the forefront of Indian movie directors. In his earlier film **Apradh**, for the first time an Indian director took up the challenging task of picturizing autorace drivers and auto-races. And the races he picturized in West Germany were visually spectacular and stunning in sound. The auto-race sequence in **Apradh** compared favourably with the auto-races shown in **The Grand Prix.**

In **Dharmatma** he excels himself in picturizing the Afghan landscape, mountains, and pastures. The eight minute sequence of Buzkashi, an Afghan national sport in which the horseriders fight to possess a goat carcase, is the high point of **Dharmatma**. About four years ago a similar sequences was shot by John Frankenheimer for **The Horsemen** and one has read of it in glowing terms. But one can say with confidence that the Buzkashi sequence in **Dharmatma** is a celebration of professional-maturity, what with topshots, ground-level shots, race shots, tracking shots, shots of the melee. Kamal Bose has done the difficult job of cinematography with considerable skill and professional expertise. Many a

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Yohannan Wins

Asian Games gold medallist T. C. Yohanman of India leaped 7.74 metres in the 11th Sports international track and field meet Nippon newspaper-sponsored at the National Stadium here today to win the men's long jump for the third time in three meets. Yohannan's leap was his best distance in Japan but it was short of his Asian Games record of 8.07 metres. Japan's Shigeshi Nakao and Masahiro Yokoyama finished second and third with 7.42 and 7.39 metres respectively.

But another Indian athlete Shivnath Singh, winner of the 5,000-metre run in the Teheran Games failed to be a contender after the first 2,000 metres.

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Environment Canada scientist Dr. T. S. Murty, left receive a Public Service of Canada incentive award from Dr. A. E. Collin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ocean and Aquatic Affairs, Fisheries and Marine Service. Dr. Murty's award was for his work in mathematical modelling of physical oceanographic problems. Dr. Murty lives in Ottawa.

Ottawa Scientist Honoured

OTTAWA May 14 - For his work in mathematical- modelling of physical oceanographic problems, including predictions of the movement of icebergs and oil slicks, Environment Canada-scientist Dr. Tadepalli S. Murty has received a major Public Service of Canada incentive award.

The award for "exceptional and distinguished contributions" was presented to Dr. Murty this week by Dr. A. E. Collin, Assistant Deputy Minister for Ocean and Aquatic Affairs, Environment Canada's Fisheries and Marine Service.

Dr. Murty, 37, who is with the Marine Environmental Data Service - a division of the Oceanography Branch - pioneered storm surge research prediction for the Great Lakes, and operation oil slick movement prediction in Canadian navigable waters.

Dr. Murty has received numerous honours and awards for his research work. In 1967 he received a gold medal from the University of Chicago for his thesis on "The Role of Thermal Convection in Geophysical Phenomena", and in 1973, received an award from the Hydrographic Service of Peru for his work in initiating tsunami research in South American countries on behalf of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG). He represents Canada on the IUGG's Tsunami Committee.

Among his publications is a book entitled "Seismic Sea Waves - tsunamis", the only book on this topic in the world. At present he is developing operational prediction schemes for iceberg severity and sea-surface-temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean.

Dr. Murty received B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees from Andhra University and M. S. and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Chicago.

* Tsunami is an unusually large wave caused by an earthquake or volcanic eurption.

Lata Tours N. America

The well-known playback singer of Indian films, Lata Mangeshkar was in N. America for a series of performances.

In her long career of over 20 years Lata has performed abroad only once and that was last year at the Royal Albert Hall, London, in aid of the Nehru Memorial Fund. These will be her first public appearances in this continent.

Her concerts are made even more exceptional by the fact that Muskesh, a popular and enduring playback singer, is joining Lata Mangeshkar on stage. Also part of the group were the other two Mangeshkar sisters, Usha and Meena.

Their performance schedule was as follows: May 17, Toronto at Maple Leaf Garden; May 19, Washington, D. C. at the Kennedy Centre; May 23, Chicago at Civic Opera Hall; May 25, New York at the Madison Square Garden; and, May 26, New York at the Carnegie Hall.

Congress Bags Four Assembly Seats

New Delhi, May 26 (UNI): Congress has won four Assembly seats — three in Madhya Pradesh and one in Maharashtra — in by-elections held recently.

Dinesh Mishra won the seat in Jabalpur Contonment by a convincing margin of over 6,000 votes over his nearest Jana Sangh supported independent rival Dr. S. S. Ghoomer.

The traditional Congress seat of Chidwara was retained for the party by Devilal Sharma who won by a margin of over 5,000 votes over his nearest rival Jitendra Kumar Jain, an independent supported by non-communist opposition parties.

In Damoh constituency, Congress candidate Prabhu Narayan Tandon, a former state minister, wrested the seat from independent Mrs. Krishna Srivastava.

The Congress retained its seat in the by-election to the Maharashtra Assembly from the Shahada Constituency in Dhulia district when its nominee Shankar Phugra Jadhav defeated his rival Hasara Basara Chavan (Jana Sangh) in a straight contest by a margin of over 6,500 votes.

Feroz

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scene reminds one of Lawrence of Arabia.

Roger Vadim has said somewhere that a director's job is like that of a painter: he must have aesthetic sense, visual imagination and a good knowledge of colour and space. A director is supposed to have another sense also, that of time. Going by the visual splendour of Dharmatma, Feroz Khan is an accomplished painter. And by extension of Roger Vadim's analogy, a first-class director.
(DARSHAK IN DEMOCRATIC WORLD)

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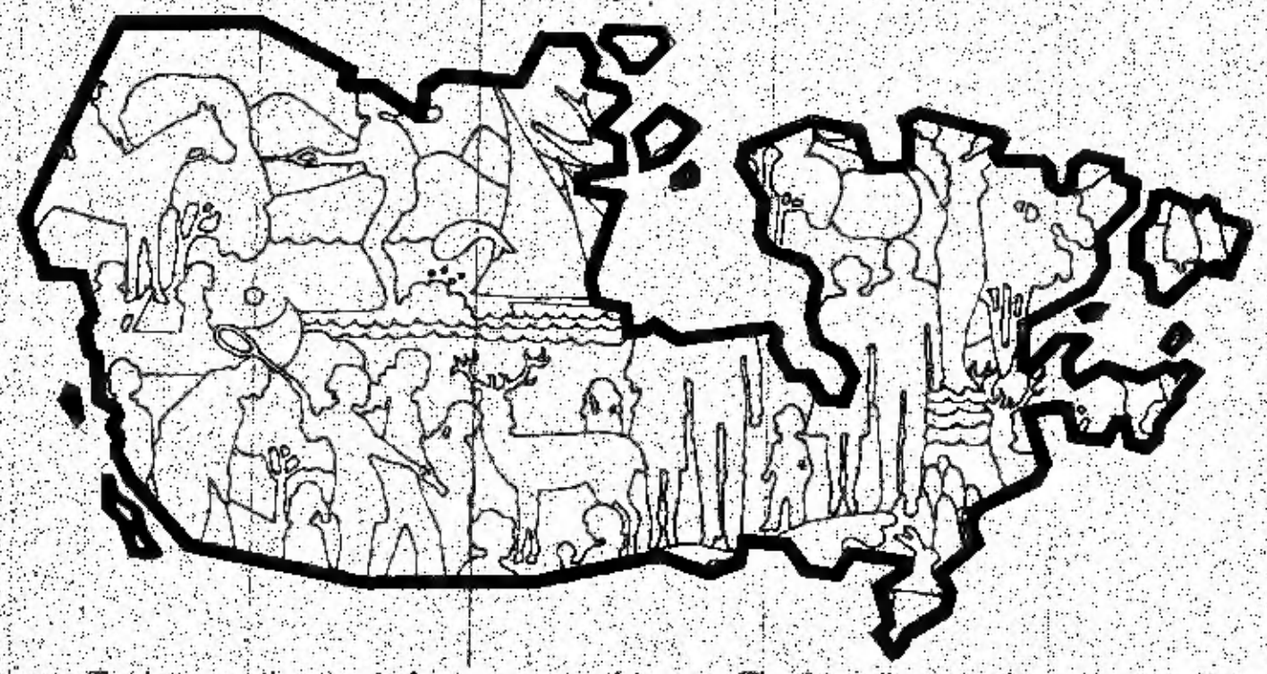

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Project Integration Helps Indian Immigrants

By Thomas Panakkal

MONTREAL: Project Integration sponsored by the Montreal Y.M.C.A. is helping Indian immigrants to get accustomed to life in Canada.

The director of the program Rick Patten said that "over the past year this project has been working primarily with the recent influx of Indian immigrants to Montreal. This group has been made up mostly of Patels from Gujarat".

The project officials are now in a position to assist the immigrants in a meaningful way to help the community to become a real asset to Canadian life.

The project, according to the director of the program, also assists immigrants from other countries to improve their conditions.

The goals of the new scheme include the acquisition of legal status, reunion of families, language training, cultural orientation, organizing recreational activities, religious celebrations and providing other facilities.

Since the project was begun, 250 to 275 Indian immigrants have been assisted directly with acquisition of legal status while another hundred people have received counselling on procedures and other problems relating to their legal status in Canada.

The organizers of the project have also encouraged the immigrants to participate in the free language training program at various public schools in their own living areas. Interest in the language program, according to the organizers, is definitely on the increase.

The main problem in the matter of cultural orientation is the lack of sufficient knowledge of language (neither French nor English). According to the project officials " a great deal of cultural orientation has taken place, but it happened through other events such as recreational activities and informal meetings with the project staff and the contacts they have made in the broader community."

Almost every weekend films in the Y.M.C.A. are shown to 200 to 300 Indians. The films are mainly of Indian origin. The project officials also use the time to discuss various problems with the community. Movies on different aspects of Canadian life are also shown.

At each meeting the staff would also be swamped with pleas for assistance such as child illness, clothing and cheap places to shop.

Project Integration also conducts religious celebrations. In such celebrations the meaning of religious music and dances is interpreted to the non-Indians.

In addition to these activities informal parties and home visits with a number of co-workers have also taken place.

Planning of many religious and social activities is conducted entirely by the Indian immigrants — in several cases by the Patels. They also invite their coworkers and teachers of their children in order to share the occasions with their Canadian friends.

Yet, the project has sometimes met with difficulties which have their roots in social and cultural differences. The difficulties are not formidable.

Another part of the Project Integration, called Project-Extension Plan, works with the Indian community until it has adapted itself to Canadian urban life and has developed adequate community structure to function as an integrated participative community solving its own problems and contributing to the society at large.

Sunil Patel, one of the participants in the project said: "I enjoy attending the programs being conducted by the project staff. I was able to find a new life through the efforts of the project". Sunil came to Montreal from Uganda two years ago.

Rick Pateen, the director of the program, points out that "the project staff have facilitated the reunion of over 500 families by helping the individuals to follow the necessary procedures". The major part of the time of the staff, he said, has been spent to matters relating to immigrant status.

The project also uses the services of Indian doctors and teachers living in the community.

A doctor from the India-Canada Association participates in the sessions which discuss special health concerns in the Canadian climate, dietary considerations and care of children in winter.

Since the program was started a year ago the organizers of Project Integration have stepped up their attempts to gain a minimum trust and confidence necessary to assist the Indian immigrants.

Cookbooks Wanted

The National Museum of Man has long been interested in the cultures of groups other than French and English. Its collections reflect many aspects of the lives of other cultural groups in this country.

There is, however, one aspect of cultural life which has been somewhat neglected. The Museum has yet to investigate thoroughly the kitchens of the ethnic groups which it has been studying. Although the Museum has a small selection of breads and some kitchen utensils, it lacks one of the most important items in any kitchen - the cookbook.

The National Museum of Man would like to have your cookbooks. If your group has published an authentic cookbook featuring recipes from your national cuisine, the Museum would be very much interested in having a copy. The cookbook need not be a formal publication; it might be mimeographed or stencilled, but it must contain authentic recipes.

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Ouimet Canyon Provincial Park, near Dorion on Highway 27 about 35 miles east of Thunder Bay, provides walking trails along the canyon's edge to give visitors a spectacular view of the "Grand Canyon of Ontario." No admission charge.

Additional campsites are under construction at several existing provincial parks – Algonquin, Bon Echo, Killbear, Fairbank, Remi Lake and Ivanhoe.

If you would like more information about Ontario provincial parks or campsites, or a map showing their locations, write to:

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Swami Chinmayananda: Unique among Holy Men

SWAMI CHINMAYANANDA who is currently in Toronto is considered unique even among "holy men" because of his exceptional brilliance, which enables him to enter lovingly into the intellectual arena with the greatest thinkers of our times. His penetrating sense of humour and genuine humanness allow us to visualize the potential within ourselves.

His oratory, punctuated with mystical stories, poetry, and wit laced with a bit of mischief, is logical and scientific. "Do not accept what I say," he urges, "the longer the beard the greater should be your doubt". His audiences are encouraged to accept only what is understandable and meaningful to themselves. He proposes no new theories of his own but rather is concerned with restating and revitalizing ancient wisdom, making it real, valid, and urgently necessary in our modern times.

Swami Chinmayananda's message is universal. He seeks no converts. Vedanta, the essence of Hinduism, when properly understood, will add new insight and depth to any faith. There is no master more qualified to communicate these ideas since it was Chinmayananda who unlocked the previously guarded secret wisdom and literally shouted it from the rooftops all over India, much to the dismay of the pandit guardians. The Swami's mission is dedicated to unveiling the harmony and totality of the universe. This virtual shower of wisdom, joy, and love conveys a message acceptable to the intellect, uplifting to the mind, and thrilling to the heart.

In 1941, Swami Chinmayananda was Balakrishna Menon, a sophisticated young man of modern India — intellectually astute, scientifically minded, flamboyantly dynamic, and fiercely ambitious. His compelling deisre for knowledge won for him a bachelor's degree in science and post-graduate degrees in literature and law. His father, a prominent judge, wanted him to practice law, but he chose instead of career as a journalist with Nehru's 'National Herald'. Of this period he says, "I was going about without any faith, searching. I reached religion to destroy it. I believed religion was a danger to society."

Balakrishna joined India's independence movement as an active patticipant and was eventually imprisoned. The years of imprisonment, while subjecting him to serious physical illness, led him to critical questioning of life and its purpose and evolved a new mental awareness.

Spurred on by the soul-searching of his prison experience and armed with a healthy dose of skepticism, he travelled to the Himalayas, "not to gain knowledgebutto find out how they were keeping the bluff among the masses." He soon realized that instead offinding charlatans as he expected he came face to face with men of rare greatness. He soon found himself "caught up" in the beliefs. "Therefore, I wanted to study deeper and thus decided to give my life to it." He was initiated as a swami (Monk) by Swami Sikvananda and began a strictly disciplined study of Vedanta, the essence of Hinduism, under the greatest Vedantic master of his time, Swami Tapovan.

Balakrishna Menon was transfotmed into a new man — Swami Chinmayananda. The depth of new conviction resulting from seven years of intense study led Swami Chinmayanada back into the mainstream of Indian society. Compassions for suffering humanity and a wish to share the peace and bliss with which he was overflowing prompted him to give up the serene atmosphere of Himalayas and enter into the whirlwind of activity which has filled the past twenty years of his life.

The Swami has founded an Ashram Academy which provides training for a hundred chosen students at a time from India and abroad at no cost to the student. Countless projects which serve society are overseen by the Swami along with cordinating more than 100 study centers all over the world. He is author of more than 30 books but dismisses that accomplishment with, "I never write books. They come through me."

Swami Chinmayananda has held lecture series in Europe, the Middle East, and all across North America, speaking at major academic centers such as Harvard, Yale, M.I.T., Cornell, and many others.

Swami Chinmayananda's schedule can compare with that of the busiest executive of a U.S. corporation, with one noticeable difference. At the center of the Swami's whirlpool of activity is uninterrupted peace, joy, and selflessness, portraying to us the message of the Geeta: to be outwardly active while being inwardly serene.

Swami Chinmayananda comes to the Western World intensely aware of its intellectual capacity and its eagerness to reach out for the unknown as well as its anxiety and disilluisionment. He recognizes it as fertile ground for evolution of the spirit and comes eager to help every willing listener to realize the calm centre of his own hurricane and to reach the hidden Source of Strength within.

Recipe Contest

The Literary Guild of India announces the Indian Recipe Contest - their first major program for the International Women's Year.

The contest is divided into two categories - vegetarian & non-vegetarian cuisine. Entries are invited from all over N. America. The contest is open to everyone, regardless of nationality, sex or age, except professional chefs. American & Indian food experts including Myra Waldo, author of over 40 International Cook-books; Barabara Kraus author of the 'Cookbook of the United Nations' & 'Dictionaries of Calories & Carbohydrates'; Madhur Jaffrey author of 'An Invitation to Indian Cooking' & award winning film star; Roy Andries de Groot food & wine editor of 'Esquire' magazine; Smt. Gayatri Ray wife of Hon. Consul Gen. of India & Mrs. Naval Mody of Tata Inc., will be on the Panel of Judges.

The judges will select 5 best recipes from each category. The selected participants will be requested to cook their recipes at the 'Khyber' Restaurant in New York City, on June 29, 1975, and the best dish will be awarded a gift certificate of $100.00, in each category by 'Kalpana' group of stores. The prize winning recipes will be published in the 'Cook book of the United Nations' by Barbara Kraus, as well as other leading Indian & American magazines.

The entry forms must be received by June 17th & can be obtained from The Literary Guild of India. For details & entray forms, please write to: The Literary Guild of India, Ltd., P. O. Box 309 Times Plaza Station, Brooklyn, New York 11217, or call (212) 624-0561.

B.C. Hindu Temple Inaugurated

On April 20, 1975, the first Hindu temple of B. C. was officially opened by the great Hindu saint of India, Swami Chinmayananda. Swamaji was on a short visit to Vancouver and it was a great honour to have the temple inaugurated through his hands. Swamiji gave a short talk on making Canada our own home but at the same time not forgetting our Hindu character and way of life which are more important than the materialistic standards of the Western Society. His lectures were full of humour.

The guest speaker at the inauguration ceremony was Honourable Mrs. Ileen Dailly, Deputy Premier and Minister of Education, British Columbia. Her speech was based on the integration of Indian community in B. C. The other dignitories who spoke at the occasion were his worship Mayor Tom Constable of Burnaby and two members of parliament, Arthur Lee & Mark Raines. D. S. Khosla, Consul General of India also spoke and conveyed best wishes. The president of Vishva Hindu Parishad of B.C., Dr. Goel thanked all invited guests and specially Gope Shewa, the General Secretary of the Parishad, Raj Kapahi, the treasurer, Kewal Kishin Khosla, Khub Samtani and Natvarlal Thakore with whose efforts Hindu Parishad could create this magnificient temple building which will also house a community centre.

The building which had been bought at nearly $100,000 was renovated at the cost of about $20,000. Another sum of about $20,000 will be spent to renovate more floors. Hindu community of B. C. is really proud for the achievement.

Former Volleyball Player in Canada

Flying back to Canada to resume his duties as Fitness Consultant a post specially created for him by the Government of Alberta is P. Hubert Dhanraj, a name familiar to volleyball players in India.

Dr. Dhanraj did his Ph. D. in "Exercise Physiology" in Canada and he is currently engaged in making the province of Alberta conscious of the need to keep oneself fit so that efficiency in work at all levels of administration and professions can be jacked up to the optimum level.

He uses T.V. as the No. 1 media to propogate his theory despite the prohibitive cost involved in that and he endeavours to reach out to all age levels in this task. Sample surveys by the students of the Alberta University have shown during the last one year he has been at work the beneficial trend.

The fitness drive is particularly directed towards the physically handicapped and for a man long associated with the YMCA college of Physical Education in Madras — he served that institution for twenty long years — his recognition of Yoga as an ally to the fitness cause came as a revelation. Dr. Dhauraj assured me that this particular experiment in Alberta was something new and he hopes, before Montreal Olympics, to provide tangible results.

Forty-five-year-old Dr. Dhanraj hopes to return to India after this Alberta experiment.

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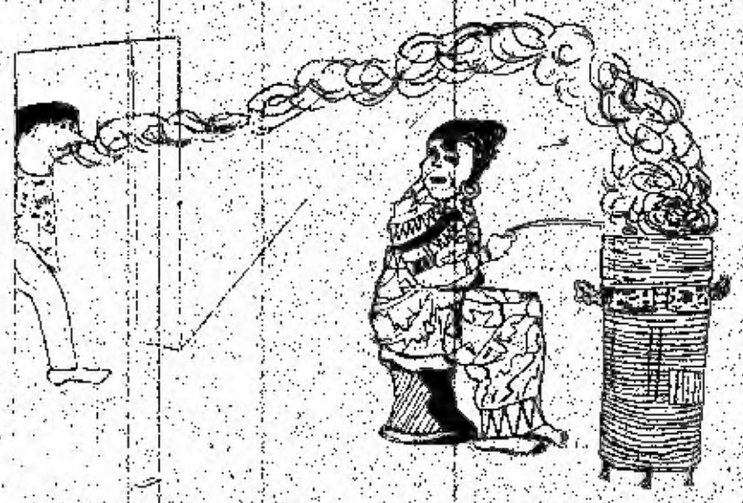

By Pranati Sengupta

Summer with its long bright days and warm spell is around the corner. The children are getting ready for the last few days of school before the lazy days of summer. With all the summer planning that has to be done at this time of the year, it is nice to be able to cook something different for a change. Potatoes are in good supply this year and prices are relatively low. Potato is an excellent source of vitamin C and contributes much food value to our diet. It is a truly international vegetable. It's enjoyed by rich & poor. Probably it's great success is due to the fact that it will combine with almost anything and cooks all over the world have been able to blend the characteristic flavors of their own cuisine with the goodness of the potato. Although we are inclined to think of potato as 'fattening' they are economical and makes ordinary vegetables a lot more interesting.

I find that people who normally won't touch potato will sometimes enjoy it if I prepare them differently like chops, rolls, pakoras, etc. This is a simple recipe and taste similar to that of potato chop Seasonings may be varied to suit your taste and it can be served with raita or chutney.

POTATO ROLL

3 large potatoes (about 2 lbs), 3 cups mashed.
2 med. onion - thinly sliced, fried until light brown
1 tsp of each salt, garammasala and chicken or beef powder (soup base)
½ tsp of each red pepper & sugar.
1 tbsp of each roasted & ground cumin and chopped coriander leaves
2 eggs and bread crumbs

Bake potatoes in 425° F. oven for 50 to 60 m., depending on size. Scoop out the soft potato and mix thoroughly with remaining ingredients except 1 egg and bread crumbs. With buttered palms shape into 8 even cylinder-shaped rolls. Roll in crumbs, then in egg, and again in crumbs; let stand for 20 m. or until coating is dry. Fry until deep gold, flipping each roll over to brown evenly. Drain. Keep hot in a 300° F. oven until all are browned.

Friendship Society Formed

Yorkton (Saskatchewan), May 21 an Indo-Canada Friendship Society has been formed by Canadians and the people of Indian origin in the province of Saskathewan and at present is being operated from Yorkton. It has been incorporated under the Societies Act.

Its objectives are to promote understanding and friendship among each ethnic community and also between the communities of the people concerned. Activities planned include the exchange of ideas keeping in mind the ethnic cultural and social background of each community. Efforts will be made to observe popular Indian festivals to preserve that cultural heritage and Canadians in large numbers will be invited to attend. Organiser Dr. Ray is trying to hold a general meeting soon. Until an executive is formed the following members have been unanimously named to form a Board of Directors. They are Dr. D. Ray, P. Jaiswal, Dr. R. Banerjee and P. Crossland. The address of the Society is 55 Mossfield Place, Yorkton, Sask.

Hindu Parishad Elects Officers

The executive of Vishava Hindu Parishad of British Columbia.

Dr. D. P. Goel, President; Dr. Shadilal Khanna, First vice-president; Natvarlal Thakore, Second vice-president; Ashok Sharma, General Secretary; Vir Bharati, JT. Secretary; Ramnath Talwar, Treasurer; Girdharlal Ghadia, JT. Treasurer; Dayal Jhangiani, Public Relations; Krishan Soni, Editor; Gope Shewa, Liaison; Tarlok Sabiok, Cultural Director; Narinder Dhir, Temple Management; Roop Narayan Ishri, Temple Renovations; Dhian Khosla, Food-arrangements; Harnamsingh, Renovations; Mishra Deo, N.

Educational Activities; Mrs. Shakuntale Parrey, Womens' Co-ordination; and Dr. Muthanna Governmental Matters.

India Club Elections

They were elected India Club, Vancouver.

President - Mrs. Jyan Nath, Vice-president - Sarup Padam, Secretary - Dayal Jhangiani, Treasurer - Mrs. Manjula Desai, Director - Krishan Soni, Director - Ravi Mathur, Director - Gope Shewa.

Raj Kapahi remains as ex-officio member in his capacity as Past President.

Programs for Women's Year

(Special to Canadian Scene from the Department of the Secretary of State)-Under the International Women's Year Secretariat

DEPARTMENTS OF THE federal Government have been developing programs to mark International women's Year (IWY). To promote the awareness of the position of women, there is a special fund available, through the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, for national women's organizations to help them in developing projects supporting education and development among their members on the status of women and related issues; creating projects designed to increase public awareness of the position of women; promoting the position of women by co-ordinating their activities through conferences, newsletters etc. Organizations must be national in scope and demonstrate some prior financial commitments. Requests for grants should be made to the Hon. Marc Lalonde, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, House of Commons, Ottawa, Canada, k1a 0a6.

World Book Fair in Montreal

BY Bharat P. Mathur

The Indian stall put up at the five-day International Book Fair in Montreal, which concluded on the evening of Monday, May 19, proved very popular and attracted large crowds every day. There were numerous inquiries and the public evinced particular interest in the country's scientific publications.

India was among the 50 countries which had displayed reading material in 20 languages and nearly 4,000 members of the book trade from all over the world attended.

Miss Vimla Kitchlu, Deputy Educational Adviser, represented the Government of India and Mr. Samuel Israel the National Book Trust. The other Indian publishers who participated were Today and Tomorrow of New Delhi, the Scientific Book Agency of Calcutta and the Taraporewala Sons and Co. of Bombay.

The Book Fair was inaugurated by the Governor-General of Canada, Mr. Jules Leger, on May 15 and diplomats of foreign governments, including the Indian High Commissioner, Mr. Uma Shanker Bajpai, were present at the ceremony and went round the stalls of their respective countries.

New Party in Karnataka

Bangalore May 21 (UNI) : A new political party, Karnataka Muslim League, has been formed in the state "to see redressal of the grievances of the Muslims and other minorities and to safeguard their rights and privileges".

A press release here today said M. Samiulla Khan Kalyany, Dr. S. Mirza Anvarulla and M. Basheer Ahmed had been elected President, Vice-President and General Secretary respectively of the new organization.

The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, admiring the Warli paintings at a recent Exhibition in New Delhi.

Tagore-Nazrul Jayanti

Deshantari, a club of the Bengali community of Ottawa, celebrated Tagore-Nazrul jayanti (birthdays) on May 10, 1975 in Champlain High School and the event was attended by about 150 people. The program started with a sitar recital by P. K. Basu accompanied on the tabla by R. K. Chadha. J. G. Sen Gupta, the club's president, talked on the lives and works of the poets Rabindra Nath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam. A. K. Poddar ably recited the poem 'Bidrohi' ('the rebel'), written by Nazrul.

A cultural program of songs and colorful dances based on Tagore's and Nazrul's writings, and directed by Rama Ray (songs) and Basanti Srinivasan (dances) delighted the audience. Refreshments were served after the program.

No Compulsory Family Planning

New Delhi, May 23 (UNI): The Government of India has no proposal to make family planning compulsory, Health Minister, Dr. Karan Singh has told the Lok Sabha, lower house of Parliament.

Replying to supplementaries to a question by Mr. Ram Gopal Reddy, the Minister said the government policy was to educate the public and elicit voluntary and willing cooperation to bring down the birth rate, which was now growing at the rate of 2.1 per cent.

COMING EVENTS

OTTAWA: India Canada Association will be holding a charity ball on June 21 at 8 p.m. at Gloucester Community Hall, Beacon Hill North Shopping Plaza, 2339 Ogilvie Rd. Tickets $7.50 each. For information call 328-8762 or 825-2004.

OTTAWA: Swami Chinmayananda has agreed to come to Ottawa to give a lecture on Sunday June 29. Further details will be announced in the next issue.

TORONTO: The Bengali Cultural Association will celebrate birth anniversaries of Poets Tagore and Nazrul Islam on June 21 at 7.30 p.m. at Faculty of Education Hall, University of Toronto, 371 Bloor St. W. (near Spadina subway). Tickets Members $2.00, non-members $2.50. Free parking at rear.

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Suitable match, preferably Sikh, requested for a 5'7" attractive, fair complexioned girl, 26, Registered medical lab technologist drawing a good salary in Ontario. Only professionals reply with photograph and particulars to Box 867, The Canadian India Times.

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Correspondence invited for attractive Punjabi girl, 25, 5'3", convent educated, B.Sc.(Honst, presently medical student at Canadian University. Apply Box 869, The Canadian India Times.

Matrimonial correspondence invited from tall, slim, beautiful and well educated girls for well settled Khatri, 27, engineer working with a multinational corporation. Current income 21,000 dollar per year. No bars. Box 870, The Canadian India Times.

Matrimonial correspondences invited for a tall, handsome pharmacist, around 25 years, now working in India, belongs to a respectable family in central Kerala. Well settled. Christian Malayali girls with details and a recent photo(if possible(may write to Box 871, The Canadian India Times.

Suitable match for a smart Panjabi girl, graduate, 24. Visiting Canada soon. Family well settled in Canada. Reply Mohan, 1091 Ambleside Drive, Ottawa.

A handsome, 31 years old, 5'7", Sikh Professional Engineer in a management position with good salary; seeks a well educated, tall and beautiful girl here or in India. Reply giving full particulars, a recent photograph and family background. P.O. Box 283, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 4Y2.

Suitable match for a tall, handsome, educated young man, 27, belonging to a respectable Sikh family in india. Caste, religion no bar. Correspond c/o Prabh Singh, 1 Fountainhead Rd., Apt. 1515, Downsview, Ont. or telephone (416(661-5879.

Basu, 34, goodlooking, lecturer in England. Interested to meet a really intelligent and handsome man of similar background. Please contact: Dr. T. K. Basu, 13 Mcindoe Road, East Grinstead, Sussex, England.

Matrimonial correspondence invited from parents or guardians for a young, pretty, tall, slim and fair girl preferably medical graduate and Punjabi for handsome 5'11" Punjabi-originated doctor settled in Guyana, South America. Planning to go to Canada or U.S.A. Apply with recent photograph and full details: Advertiser, P.O. Box 100, Georgetown, Guyana, South America.

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New Rice Varieties to be Introduced

New Delhi, May 28 (UNI): New rice varieties, rich in protein content and with good grain and cooking quality, will soon be a reality in India.

Rice scientists at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) here have reported "significant progress" in their efforts to develop nutritionally superior rice varieties. The IARI has a special project for evolving protein-rich rice varieties.

The scientists are hopeful of bringing out a rice variety with ten to twelve per cent protein content against the seven to eight per cent in the present varieties. Initial success has also been reported in restricting the protein distribution towards the inner portion of the gain to act as a guard against its loss during milling.

Public Sector Aluminum Plant

New Delhi, May 23 (UNI): The first Government of India-owned aluminium plant of the Bharat Aluminium Co. at Korba, Madhya Pradesh, would start production of aluminium metal before the end of this month.

Informing this at the meeting of the consultative committee of members of Parliament attached to his Ministry, the Minister for Steel and Mines, Chandrajit Yadav said that although the plant was ready to start production in March last, it had to wait till this month get adequate power from the State (Madhya Pradesh) Electricity Board.

Educational Project to be Delayed

Indore, May 25 (UNI): The Rs 90 million ($12 million) project for telecasting educational programs to selected backward areas in six states through American satellite ATS-6, scheduled to be launched on June 1 will not commence at the stipulated time, according to the Madhya Pradesh Food-Minister, Kishori Lal Shukla.

Disclosing this during an informal chat with newsmen here, Mr. Shukla, however, did not elaborate the causes for the delay except saying that it has something to do with the American satellite.

The project, originally conceived under an Indo-U.S. agreement reached in 1972, envisaged the telecasting of four-hour daily programmes on education and agriculture to 2,400 villages in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

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